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## BIESEKER NEWS

Last November I was heralding Jack Selzler's Ford. Well, it is here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Little, formerly of Beiseker, spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmons.

Miss Weisgerber and Miss MacDonald, local teachers, both were absent for a few days last week due to illness.

The Red Cross Blood Donors that was to have taken place last month will be held in the middle of March. You will be receiving your cards. Also the Red Cross Drive will be carried out soon so have your purses out and be generous.

Mrs. Bettin entertained the ladies' bridge last week. Mrs. Adam Velker won high score while Mrs. Jack Selzler received the low.

Mrs. Tom Murray has returned from the hospital with William George Bryan, Bryan for short.

This week Mrs. Lohrke Sr. will entertain the local ladies' bridge club.

On Wednesday afternoon Jill Velker entertained at her mother's home. The occasion was her fourth birthday. Among guests invited were: Mrs. Silbernagel and Sherrol; Miss Killen and Bobby; Lois Neubeaur and her mother; Mrs. C. Schmaltz with Teresa and Perry; Mrs. Tetz and Barry; Mrs. A. Velker, Anne, Marie and Audrey, and Mrs. G. Schissel with Sheila and Billy.

## Honored On 25th Anniversary

(From New Westminster News)

CROSSFIELD—A silver tray and flowers were presented to Rev. and Mrs. P. C. McCrae by the congregation of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, when they were honored at a surprise party held in the church parlor on Thursday evening, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The party was arranged by the Women's Association of the church and the presentation made by Mrs. A. H. Knudsen and Mrs. K. R. Matheson.

Rev. and Mrs. McCrae were married in Calgary on January 26, 1925, and came to New Westminster about fourteen years ago.

Contributing to a delightful musical program were vocalists, Mrs. W. L. Archibald, Miss Elsie Gray, Mrs. W. Robertson and violinist, Miss Jennie Lightbody. Accompanists were Mrs. R. M. Dey and Mrs. W. Ingram.

At the refreshment hour the well-appointed tea table was presided over by Mrs. David Adams and Mrs. J. C. Ritchie. Members of the Auxiliary-Guild, in charge of the president, Mrs. A. W. Mark, acted as serviteurs.

Almost everyone in Crossfield will remember Alpha who attended High School here and whose musical piano fingers delighted the dancers of thirty-five years ago. Mac will be remembered as one of our very promising young Presbyterian ministers of 26 years ago.

## MAMMA WAS SO PLEASED

"You must be pretty strong," said Willie, six, to the pretty young widow who had come to call on his mother. "Strong? What makes you think so?" "Daddy said you can wrap any man in town around your little finger."

## Animals Fly On Schedule



FLYING ELEPHANTS and chimpanzees cause no concern to the British Overseas Airways Corporation—it has a scheduled service for them. Named the Animal Cargo Service, equipped with a specially trained staff, it operates between England and the Middle and Far East. Top: Stewardess Baker visits a former passenger, a baby elephant now at the London Zoo. Left: Another B.O.A.C. stewardess (left) checks a chimpanzee on its arrival at the London Airport from Africa.

## Miss Elaine Merdenger Feted

BEISEKER—On Sunday evening Miss E. B. Hagel and Florence entertained in honor of Miss Elaine Merdenger, bride elect of Saturday.

During the evening court whist was enjoyed, the winners of which were Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Otto Tetz.

At lunch the bride was seated at the head table, with her mother and Aunt, Mrs. Ed Schwartzberger, Mrs. J. German and Mrs. A. Schefflemair.

A gift of a dinner set was presented very nicely by Miss Florence Hage. The bride ably responded. A very tasty and daintily prepared lunch was served by the hostesses.

## LEVELAND NEWS

Marjorie Leiske has received two more cheques from A. W. Wilson, Field Crops Commissioner from the province of Alberta, Department of Agriculture.

Marjorie has received many letters from other provinces and departments in Canada and U.S.

Winings were as follows: Class, wheat, Marquis (Toronto) 4th prize, \$3.50; wheat, Hard Spring (Chicago) 7th prize, \$4.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Luske were visiting at Lacombe and Bentley over the week end.

Mrs. Roy Patzer and son of Hanna were visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roth for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Leiske, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reifanyder, all of Calgary, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Leiske over the week end.

The S.D.A. Dorcas Society worked in the church basement Saturday night. Starting for 1950 making articles as well as raising funds to help the needy. A new quilt was started and is well on the way. Mrs. Bernhard Krenzler is the new leader and we are looking forward to good co-operation.

Hervey Gimbel who is working for his B.A. at Walla Walla Washington, U.S.A., and Dr. Booth were up here last week and gave a hyceum program at the Canadian Union College, Lacombe, Alta., on interesting subjects concerning nature and science, also showed many interesting pictures and films. They were back early Monday morning.

## Trial Showing Of Pictures, Feb. 20th

CROSSFIELD—The Memorial Hall committee have arranged with Allan N. (Curly) Gurevitch for a trial showing of his pictures in the hall on Monday, February 20th. This is an entirely new show from anything that has been here before and we are promised top notch entertainment with up-to-date films and first class equipment. As well as being a try-out for the new company it will also be an opportunity for the younger fry to show how they can behave at a show. There is no doubt but what the rumpus and noise made by a bunch of young people at former shows had a lot to do with them not being well enough patronized to keep coming. Grown-up like to see a good picture and will no doubt patronize these shows if they are run in an orderly manner and order kept so that the dialogue can be heard. It has been promised that order will be maintained, so the youngsters had better take warning and behave themselves or they stand a chance of being put out and kept out until they promise to behave.

## Crossfield Junior Briars Go To Calgary

CROSSFIELD—The winner of two consecutive years of Junior Briar District Playdowns, our high school rink together with its Principal, Mr. Mumby, made the trip to Calgary Friday, Feb. 10 and 11 to compete in the Branch Playdowns. The personnel of the rink consisted of Bob Kotow, skip; Gerald Hurt, third Lawrence Lilley, second, and Edward Aldred, lead. Winning their first two games, they established a seven-zero lead boys made a comeback and after end, which gave them the game. This tied up some sections and started the round-robin again. Saturday morning Empress defeated our boys and they were eliminated. Battling to the end the boys from Blackie were victorious and won the trip to Edmonton to compete in the provincial playoff. Nonetheless Crossfield is very proud of its Junior rink which is a nice foursome, who in turn respect and admire their principal, Mr. Mumby, who has devoted a great deal of attention to them. These boys will once more receive a sweater crest donated by Taylor, Pearson and Carson Ltd., as winners of the District Playdown.

## Lions Make The Difference

Certain Service Organizations cities and larger towns only, with Lions International this is not so. Lions have proved that our particular service set-up works just as efficiently in meeting the local needs in the smallest village as it does in the largest city. This makes the missionary field for Lionism almost unlimitable and it behoves each and every club to do its share in this very important respect.

Take for instance our own Lions Club in the little town of Beiseker, which is a shining example of what such an organization can mean to a small community. In the past year or two the club has given magnificent financial and moral support in bringing to completion one of the finest community halls in the country; they have helped build sidewalks in the town, they sponsor and do all the work of the annual Beiseker Sports Day every year, they have entertained in the past year, by actual count, thousands of children and adults at their own and exclusively operated picture show, they have each year, given the children a Halloween Party and have supported any worthy cause such as a Blood Donor Clinic, The Beiseker Football Club, Annual Ice Carnival and are still studying ways and means for further service to the community.

A similar story could be told about a hundred other small Lions Clubs operating in small centres of population. While their activities may not be as spectacular as some of the larger centres of population, the service they render under peculiar circumstances can quite possibly be vitally more important.

## Local Curlers Do Well

BEISEKER—At the Irricana Bonspiel the Grand Challenge was won by Adam Velker, assisted by A. M. Schmaltz, C. E. Schmaltz, H. Neubeaur. In the second event Jack Selzler took second place. He was accompanied by Allan Berreth, Dave Lang and Darce Olsen who skipped the rink.

At Swalwell Mrs. Bed Brostrand rink got 4th in the 2nd event. Norma Uffleman, Mrs. P. Ternes and Mrs. H. Simmonds assisted her.

## OLD TIMERS' DANCE

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PROCEEDS FOR HALL



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## WE ALL WANT GAS SERVICE

When the proposal to pipe natural gas out of the province was first made, there were two resolutions passed by many Boards of Trade in Alberta towns. These were:

1. Before gas is exported, be sure we have enough for home consumption and export for at least 50 years.
2. Before we send gas to Vancouver, Seattle or Winnipeg—let's have it right here in our own town.

The provincial legislature provided for safeguards in the first point. Experts have to find adequate reserves of gas in Alberta before any is exported.

On the second point, however, there is still no established policy. The government of Alberta should see to it that, in arranging export, pipe lines will be established WITHIN the province itself to assure that Alberta towns, where a good many Albertans live, will get natural gas service.

That is the gist of a recent editorial in the Olds Gazette, which has been freely and severely criticized by the Calgary Albertan. It's probably a long time since the editor of the Albertan has had to leave his plush carpeted office and cosy home (gas) fireplace in Calgary to stoke a reluctant coal or wood-burning heater. He thinks it is very short-sighted of the people of Olds to want natural gas before it is piped to distant and foreign points.

But we don't. With any plan to export Alberta's natural gas we maintain that a definite plan to provide the towns and villages of the province with gas service must be included. Any system giving gas service to scores of Alberta towns along the way, is what Albertans want. In the grid system of gathering, attention should be paid also to the importance of supplying the largest number of this province's towns and villages.

And with the royalties taken from the sale of natural gas the province can pay to subsidize extension of supply lines to other towns more remote from gathering lines and the trunk system.

## BALANCING THE FARM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Severe criticism from the big metropolitan centres is being levelled at the dominion government for its policy of price support. It has gone so far that Agriculture Minister Gardiner has been accused of pegging the price of wheat too high. Together with meat products, however, wheat has required no price support of any kind. There is still plenty of demand to assure farmers of fair returns on grains and meat. But, as in the price structure of eggs, a small surplus can depress the whole market, and that is what makes government price support policy necessary.

The United States government has had much more experience in floor price policies than our own government.

Crop production was pretty good in the United States in 1949 and the government, under its price support programs, had to take over a vast amount of farm products. This does not mean that most of the money invested in these commodities will be lost. Some may be but bad weather and poor crops might change the picture in 1950 and enable the government to make a profit on some of its supplies. This has happened before.

Over a long period, therefore, it may be proven that support of farm prices by buying up surplus crops when yields are good is as sensible as putting money in a savings account, when income is high, just to have something available for a "rainy day."

But if we have a succession of years of big crops, and consequent heavy buying by the government, an equitable system of reducing crops by the necessary 10, 15 or 20 per cent of surplus will bring the farm price support program into balance. A cut in production, which will mean a reduction in plantings will be deplored in some circles but it would be extremely foolish to Canadian farmers to plan bumper crops year after year with no prospect of the government disposing of the surplus.

## KEEP DRUNKS FROM DRIVING

A man who has made it his business to gather data in connection with automobile accidents expresses the belief that possibly half of them are caused by drinking drivers.

If this statement be correct, it indicates that more stringent supervision of those who drive automobiles is advisable. The only way to establish the incorrectness of the assertion is through a more rigorous examination of all drivers involved in accidents.

The driver of an automobile, speeding on the highways at what the law permits today, is supposed to be in control of a vehicle that is potentially dangerous. Drivers of such vehicles, therefore, should be required to keep themselves in a condition proportionate to the public peril. This supposition, however, is not enough to safeguard pedestrians not engaged in automobile driving. Possibly, strict enforcement of existing statutes, with severe punishment of offenders, will do the work. It should be tried in Alberta.

## SCRIPTURAL MEDITATIONS

By AINSLEY BLAIR

"Jesus says, Abide in Me." These words convey the idea of rest, stability, confidence. Again He invites, "Come unto Me . . . and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28, 29. The words of the psalmist express the same thought: Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. And Isaiah gives the assurance, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30:15.

"This rest is not found in inactivity; for in the Saviour's invitation the promise of rest is united with the call to labor: 'Take My yoke upon you . . . and ye shall find rest.' Matt. 11:29. The heart that rests most fully upon Christ will be most earnest and active in labor for Him."

—"Steps to Christ."

### THE EXPLANATION

Mrs. Youngbridge — Now I know why it was Dick went to work this morning singing as I never heard him sing before.

Neighbor — What was it?  
Mrs. Youngbridge — I made a mistake and gave him birdseed for breakfast instead of breakfast food.

### GUESSWORK

An English story: Shronk stopped his motor car at a desolate crossroads and yelled to a farmer who lay on a cart of fertilizer: "Hey, Cornsilk, is this the way to Croydon?"

The farmer raised himself from the fertilizer in astonishment. "By heck, stranger, how did you know my name is Cornsilk?" he asked.

"I guessed it," said the motorist.

"Then by heck," said the farmer as he drove on, "guess your way to Croydon."

## That Gas Line

From OLDS GAZETTE

This newspaper has been in receipt of a barrage of mail from the Westcoast Transcoision Co. in regard to their proposed route for the transportation of Alberta gas to the main centres in B.C. Now we don't know who the Westcoast people are nor for that matter do we care but one thing that seems ridiculous to us is for these people to think that for one moment we will believe that they want to get the gas to the coast by the all-Canadian route to sell gas to the consumers in Vancouver and New Westminster only. In fact we think we can safely say that it can't be done, and give the investors a run for their money.

Nor do we think that the government of the province of Alberta will create a monopoly for Westcoast or any other transmission pipeline. All of which boils down to the fact that the quicker more companies enter the field and are set up under the Dominion Government Companies Act, the quicker we in Olds are going to get gas. We personally don't care if the pipelines go to Tim Buc Too as long as they pass close enough to this town to guarantee us a supply of gas. We think in the long run that this will be the governing factor in the consideration of any application for export of Alberta's natural gas.

The oil fields of southwestern Ontario, among the continent's oldest, were first developed during

# Ling Fish Aid Fur Farmers

By T. W. PUE

When your wife or sweetheart tires of the mink coat she now has, sends it to the Salvation Army and puts the bee on you for \$6,000 to buy a new one, don't be surprised. She's probably heard that fur ranchers on the shores of Lac la Biche, 150 miles northeast of Edmonton are marketing a newer, better mink fur from mink fed on ling fish.

The fur industry has had its ups and downs. I recall learning in high school that Prince Edward



T. W. Pue

Island was famous for its silver fox ranches that had made some people wealthy. Before baby bonuses were initiated fur ranchers could live very well by trapping a fox a day and the breeding and raising of foxes in captivity was a profitable business.

### MILADY CHANGES MIND

But something happened to the style-consciousness of the lady of fashion who decided that short, close furs such as mink were more fashionable than the long trailing foxes. Result is that today mink are worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 and wild fox skins about \$1.50.

But what was bad for fox ranchers in Prince Edward Island was good for mink men in Alberta. And on the shores of Lac la Biche mink ranchers were doing well as long as they could take fish from the big lake. When the commercial fish crop failed, and a ban was placed on fishing, a source of cheap, good, mink food was cut off and with it the profits from fur farming.

### LING FISH TO RESCUE

But, then, last winter, the fur ranchers of Lac la Biche were happy again. They've been able to catch a non-palatable fish that seems to be plentiful in the lake.

It is called "Ling" or "Marias" and, high in Vitamin D, resulted in healthy mink stock, high breeding rate, low losses and animals fed the scavenger Ling fish obtain bright, rich fur coats.

### CATCHING TECHNIQUE

It seems the Ling fish loiters along the bottom of the lake and can be caught with strings of large hooks which are dropped to the floor of the lake near the shore. John Insch of Lac la Biche is credited with using the method first and here's about how it's done:

Two holes are bored through the ice as far apart as the length of fish line required. One end of the line is attached to a small, short board called a "jigger." This is pushed into the water under the ice and manipulated by the line towards the other hole. When it reaches that point the "jigger" is pulled out and the line is "played in" from both holes until it lies on the floor of the lake with hooks and bait attached.

The ling fish, scavenging the bottom of the lake are caught just like any other fish and pulled to the surface at regular intervals.

### RABBITS \$ for 1c

Rabbit furs are valueless at Lac la Biche this year. One buyer is paying 1c for 3 skins just in case the market should amount to something some day. That may be a long-time yet as the rabbit cycle is approaching its apex, due in two years. Coyotes are about as worthless as foxes—a good skin fetching 50c.

But who knows? Our fickle lady of fashion may decide next year that coyote is more becoming than ever, and the price will go up. It all depends on the whims of an unnamed group of stylists in London, Paris or New York or some place else.

Fur prices are something like the weather. We can talk about them but nobody but the mysterious fashion clique can do anything about them.

## SUICIDAL LEMMINGS ON DEATH MARCH

The call of the deep has lured the lemming into his periodical and fatal migration to the sea again this year.

The little Arctic rodent doesn't know it, but the trek from the polar regions to the open sea is his death march. But even if the lemming were aware of the watery grave at the end of the migration, it is doubtful that the urge for self-destruction would be deterred.

This freak obsession for death has run in the lemming family for centuries, to the point where the little rodent has become a symbol of the suicide urge.

### IGNORE OBSTACLES

Every two to four years, according to the National Geographic Society, the lemmings succumb to their fears and peculiar ancestral drives and seek relief in mass flight. In hordes, the rodents swarm down the mountains, swim rivers, drive through forests, and advance slowly toward the sea regardless of obstacles.

Thousands die during the migration, which may last from one to three years. But the march of the rodents never ceases until they reach the sea, into which they plunge and drown.

The lemmings are kin to the familiar house and field mice. They are four or five inches long and tawny-yellowish in color. They

have a short tail, furry feet and small ears.

### LEGENDS DISCOUNTED

Legend has it that the migrating lemmings in northern Scandinavia march to the North Sea and try to swim it in a vain search for the lost continent of Atlantis. Another explanation for the strange behavior of the animals is that he is simply following the ancestral migratory habits dating back to the days when the North Sea might have been a land mass.

Modern experts, however, tend to dismiss such theories and explain the migratory habits of the lemmings as nothing but enforced response to the rodent's version of the Malthusian law—it's just a case of too many lemmings and not enough Arctic moss.

Fortunately for the future of the tribe, there always seem to be a few social misfits among the lemmings—those who prefer life in the Arctic to death. A small segment of the colony does not join in the trek but remains in the deserted home to establish a new crop.

## Ha-Ha and Ho-Ho

From NORTH-WEST MINER

Social Crediters held a convention in Calgary last fall and evidently, without consulting the leaders, some 'wag' introduced a resolution suggesting that the Social Credit government should start giving everyone a bonus of \$1.00 a month without working. This of course was in line with the spectacular platform of the late William Aberhart, that that time, according to the 'Little Blue Manual' everyone was to get \$25.00 a month—later increased to \$600,000 a year. What a change has occurred over the years in the attitude of the present Social Credit government and its key supporters. This was fully illustrated when the above resolution was introduced. Everyone is said to have laughed Ha-Ha and a few laughed Ho-Ho.

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## Liberals Insure Election Deposits Against Landslide

LONDON. — Lloyds of London has insured the British Liberal Party against the monetary loss connected with sweeping defeat at the polls. It has put up £30,000 (\$84,000) worth of insurance for a £5,000 premium.

The Liberals, third strongest party in Britain, announced they had made the arrangement to insure their candidates against the loss of their election deposits. The British people vote on Feb. 23.

Each candidate for the House of Commons must put up £150 (\$420) for the right to appear on the ballot. If he gets less than one eighth of the total votes cast in his district, the money goes into the national treasury.

In the 1945 election, the Liberals polled only 2,253,197 votes out of 25,018,393 cast—less than one-eleventh of the total. They now hold 10 house seats.

The Liberals plan to run more than 400 candidates for the 625 seats in the new house. Lloyds will pay all deposits lost after the first 50 — up to a total of 250. Should the maximum of 200 insured deposits be lost, Lloyds would have to pay £30,000.

Canadians smoke approximately sixteen billion cigarettes a year, and pay \$170,000,000 in federal taxes on these cigarettes.

## A LONG LAST USE IS FOUND FOR PRIZE CUP



—Central Press Canadian  
A good fit is the cup won by this champion female chinchilla who could use it as a spare kennel. Carol Hugginson holds the prize animal during the third annual show of the Chinchilla Breeders of Canada, held in Toronto. As a champion, this animal is worth about \$2,000.

## Studebaker Prices Cut \$82 to \$135

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Studebaker Corporation is reducing list prices of all its passenger cars from \$82 to \$135 effective immediately, according to H. S. Vance, president and chairman.

"The year ended Dec. 31, 1949, was the most successful in our history," Mr. Vance declared. "Our production for the year was of record proportions, with passenger car output 43 per cent higher than in 1948.

"Since the introduction of our 1950 models in September we have been able to increase our production further."

## Germination Tests Needed

According to a statement from the Agricultural Department of National Grain, many samples of wheat seed submitted by farmers for germination tests are testing below 75 per cent. In oats and barley the situation is even more serious.

Farmers are urged to have free germination tests made on their seed grain to ensure satisfactory results with their 1950 crops.

National Grain officials emphasize that due to drought, second growth, hail and frost during the past growing season, tests this year indicate that a very serious seed condition exists in Western Canada, particularly in the northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, while many other districts are also showing poor results.

There is no charge made for germination tests. Farmers should take not less than a 6-oz. sample of their seed grain to the local National Grain Manager, who will forward the seed for testing.

## Not For Awhile

Export of Alberta natural gas will not take place until a 50-year reserve has been definitely established, according to N. S. Tanner, Alberta's Minister of Lands and Mines.

## Skirts To Be Shorter

PARIS. — Today's newest fashion show brings in the old look of shortened skirts and more coverage above.

Fifteen and a half inches from the floor for day time and a full inch shorter for evening, that is the decree of Pierre Balmain in the first of the style-setting Haute Couture shows.

In a radical change of the evening picture, he replaced the bare look of last season with demure V or strap necklines. Skirts, slim or full, were all short. Even the bride will walk to the altar in a short skirt.

The dancing mood was felt in ribbon panel skirts and the swallow-tail overskirt. Dignity was given the ensemble by a ground-length train swinging from the shoulders, covered with 18th-century lace.

Lifted from the family album were chiffon ensembles in pastel shades. Coats were trimmed and hemmed in matching furs.

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writing and the time when those  
banks of snow around the build-  
ing will be melting and the spring  
thaw beginnings seems far away  
and remote indeed. But spring, by  
the inexorable laws of nature, does  
come; sometimes sooner, some-  
times later and with it the spring  
run-off carrying the fertilities de-  
posited in the first five inches of  
top soil down to the creeks and  
thence to the rivers, cutting chan-  
nels across cultivated fields as it  
goes and plugging culverts with  
the soil that should be producing  
the world's next year food sup-  
ply.

Water erosion is the technical  
name for this problem and it,  
along with its half-sister, wind  
erosion, is the topic dealt with in  
the National Film Board's latest  
agricultural release entitled "Land  
in Trust."

In a few decades, Canadians  
turned a wilderness into a nation,  
and all they built was based on  
the capacity of the land to pro-  
duce. We see the rich earth turn-  
ing in deep furrows from the plow  
and then, in tragic contrast, the  
barren gullies of erosion, a na-  
tional calamity caused by the  
thoughtlessness of man.

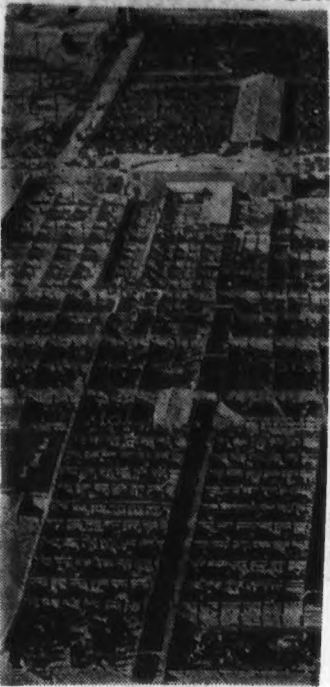
On the western plains, the wind  
blows the land away faster, faster,  
and as the commentary warns, if  
man cannot learn to work with  
nature she will break him ruthles-  
sly and surely.

How can soil be protected? Dr.  
E. S. Archibald, director of the  
Dominion Experiment Farm, ex-  
plains the formation of soil. He  
describes how farmers depleted  
the soil by stripping it of all trees,  
by cultivating up and down hills,  
by removing fibre from the soil,  
and he stresses that man must  
learn to put back into the soil as  
much as he takes out of it.

We see scientists analyzing  
samples of soil, revealing what  
happens when it loses its fibre.  
We see numbers of ways in which  
land may be preserved, by study-  
ing and applying nature's own  
methods. Most important, and the  
real basis of land use, is an intelli-  
gently planned cropping system,  
which includes planting of suitable  
grasses.

Problems of orchard irrigation,  
of drainage, and how to meet the  
next drouth period are discussed.  
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ment for showing on your local  
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**The Answers**

1. Dead, 78,150; injured, 37,425;  
missing, 13,983.
2. Hydrogen bomb, said to be  
able to devastate an area 300 to  
400 square miles.
3. Hydro — Greek word for  
"water"; gen — Greek word for  
"become".
4. Literally a "council", origi-  
nally a kind of parliamentary  
body, with representatives of  
workers, peasants and soldiers.
5. More than 11 million.
6. 1909, 149 doctors per 100,-  
000 people; in 1949, 137 doctors  
per 100,000 people.
7. Mao Tse-tung.
8. 450,000,000.
9. 250,000,000.
10. Only one—the Missouri.

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three times. But Daddy didn't  
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Air Force units in Exercise Sweetbriar, the joint Canadian-United States winter training operation to be held in the North this month, are to be under command of Group Captain P. A. Gilchrist, DFC, of the RCAF, it was announced by RCAF Headquarters, Ottawa, and United States Air Force Headquarters, Washington.

Group Captain Gilchrist, a native of Weyburn, Sask., commandant of the Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Man., will be in command of both Canadian and United States Air Force units taking part in the exercise.

The exercise, which will be held in the Yukon and Alaska, will be under the over-all command of Lieutenant General Stephen J. Chamberlain, Commanding General of the United States Fifth Army.

Commander of the Offensive Support Wing under Group Captain Gilchrist will be Wing Commander D. G. Malloy, DFC, of Air Defence Group Headquarters, St. Hubert, P.Q., and a native of Halifax. The Transport Wing will be under command of Wing Commander W. F. Parks, DFC, officer commanding of 435 Transport Squadron, Edmonton, a native of Verwood, Sask.

Participating RCAF squadrons and units will include 410 Fighter Squadron, St. Hubert, P.Q.; 417 Fighter Squadron, Joint Air Training Centre, Rivers, Man.; 426 Transport Squadron, Dorval, P.Q.; 435 Transport Squadron, Edmonton; 112 Transport Flight, Rivers; elements of 408 Photo Squadron, Rockcliffe, Ont.; 444 AOP Squadron, Rivers, and a Composite Light Bomber Flight.

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### The Questions

1. What were the casualties from the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima?
2. What is an H-bomb?
3. What is the derivation of the word hydrogen?
4. What is a "soviet"?
5. How many people in the U.S. are 65 or over?
6. How does the number of doctors in 1909 compare with 1949?
7. Who is head of Communist China?
8. What is the population of China?
9. What is the population of Russia?
10. How many battleships does the U.S. Navy have in active service?

(See "The Answers" on Page 4)

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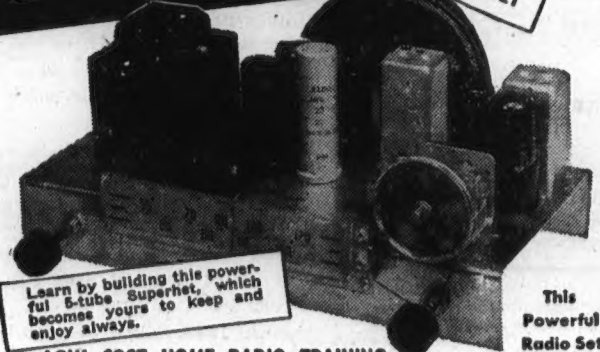
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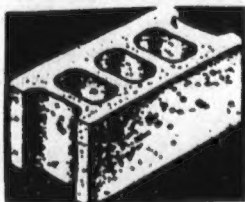
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## PROSPECTS BRIGHT

CALGARY, — Prospects look pretty good for Alberta farmers in 1950, Agriculture Minister David Ure told Calgary Board of Trade.

Indications are, he said, that wheat acreage will be somewhat less than last year and the coarse grain acreage a little higher.

### FEWER POULTRY

"I think we can expect the number of poultry and hogs to be somewhat lower than we had in 1949 and I think the beef picture will be about the same," said the minister.

The financial position of the farmer was better now than it had probably ever been before.

Mr. Ure said he did not think anyone would be justified in feeling that prices the Alberta farmer is receiving for his produce are out of line with the general economic conditions.

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Speaking about markets, Mr. Ure said there are indications the domestic demand for agricultural produce in 1950 is going to be good despite the apparently climbing level of unemployment.

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Lesson Text—Acts 11: 19-26; 13: 1-3.

In the Book of Acts, Luke, after  
telling the story of Saul's con-  
version and his experiences in  
Damascus and Jerusalem, re-  
verts back in point of time to re-  
count the early spread of the  
Christian faith.The persecution which followed  
Stephen's death resulted in ad-  
herents of the new faith being  
"scattered abroad," the disciples  
fleeing to various cities, includ-  
ing Antioch, where they preach-  
ed the new gospel. However, at  
this time, they confined their  
missionary efforts to their own  
race, "speaking the word to none  
save only to Jews."Antioch, in Assyria had been  
founded three centuries before  
on the Orontes River. It was  
the third city in the world, with  
a population of half a million,  
and the terminal of rich caravans  
from Persia and India. It was  
modern for its day, having a  
splendid and adequate water  
system, and its main street, five  
miles long, was wonderfully light-  
ed by night and travellers by daywere sheltered from the sun by  
its arcades. However, morally the  
city was disreputable; the Roman  
Juvenal, criticizing the evil in  
Rome, said: "The Syrian Orontes  
has flowed into the Tiber."Regardless of its evil practices  
and reputation, Antioch is known  
as the second birthplace of Chris-  
tianity. Here it was that the word  
was first internationally preached  
to the Gentiles by Jews having a  
broad cosmopolitan outlook. These  
were natives of Cyprus and Cyre-  
ne, having lived abroad and  
broken somewhat with the strict  
racial code of their brothers in  
Palestine. In their activity these  
Jews "spoke unto the Greeks al-  
so." Eventually news of this de-  
velopment came to the Jewish  
Christians in Jerusalem and caused  
some what of a discussion there.Up to this time the gospel had  
not been directed particularly to  
the Gentiles. True, it was that  
Peter had previously been to  
Caesarea and received the cen-  
turion Cornelius into the faith,  
which act had been approved at  
Jerusalem, but no general effort  
had been made to reach others  
than Jews. The Jerusalem Chris-  
tians, somewhat concerned about  
the reports from Antioch, decided  
to investigate and wisely selected  
Barnabas for this purpose. He  
was a Levite, a native of Cyprus,  
and his character is amply attested  
in the commentary that "he was  
a good man."Barnabas went to Antioch and  
was so impressed with the activity  
there that he remained and took  
part in it. Remembering Saul  
of Tarsus, who some seven or  
eight years ago he had vouched  
for in Jerusalem, and realizing  
that this was the type of man  
for the particular service need-  
ed, Barnabas set out for Tarsus  
in an effort to seek Saul. Dur-  
ing these years Saul had been  
waiting; perhaps sometimes ques-  
tioning why, but nevertheless,  
undergoing a period of prepara-  
tion by working in Cilicia for the  
wide and greater mission which  
he was to undertake.It was at Antioch that the term  
"Christians" was first applied to  
the followers of Jesus. This name  
was of self-assuming because they  
usually referred to themselves as  
"saints," "disciples," "believers"  
or "those of the way." The title  
was not given them by the Jews,  
because they were accustomed to  
refer to the Christians as "Naza-  
renes," remembering the question  
whether any good thing could  
come from that city. The prob-  
ability is that the Gentiles, per-  
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using the term "Christians" for  
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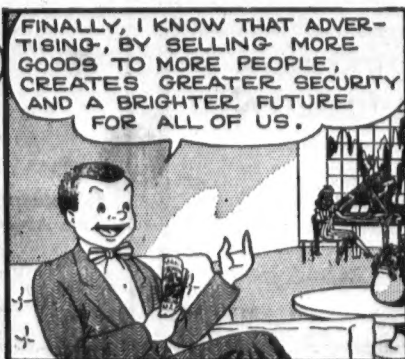
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## Army Scans the Air

WASHINGTON.—The army is launching a study into how it can build up its small but potentially powerful airborne force.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Chief of Staff, said a panel is being created from officers in the operations organization of the 11th and 82nd Airborne Divisions, the Army General Staff, the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and headquarters of the army field forces at Fort Monroe, Va.

Maj. Gen. William M. Miley, Commander of the 11th Airborne will head the group.

At present, the whole complex matter of airborne operations—specially trained airborne troops, glider experts, specialists in loading and dropping equipment and supplies, crews of transport and glider tow planes—has no central directing agency. Other services, like the infantry and armored forces, have centres which direct and coordinate their work.

General Collins recently told reporters he believed that airborne operations "will play a very important role in any future war. But, he commented, there are serious problems to be solved, including methods of getting tanks and heavy equipment to troops dropped by parachute or landed by glider behind enemy lines.

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Dear Louisa:

Please advise me what to do about a very stubborn old woman. I hate to speak of her in such a way for she is my own dear mother but she is very unreasonable and hard to understand.

She is past seventy years of age and her mind is as bright as a dollar so we can not blame her behavior on childishness.

This is the trouble. She took care of my invalid father for quite a good many years so was naturally tied down. But since father's death, four years ago, she has been acting more like seventeen than a woman past seventy.

She makes friends with strange people instead of sticking by old friends we have all known for years. She goes "joy" riding with them and even to the theatre.

Worst of all she goes to picnics on Sunday. She taught us children that was sinful to do on the Lord's Day.

Just because my health is poor and I am unable to do her laundry and to take her on pleasure trips, she tells my neighbors that I am neglecting her. She does contribute to the household expenses but I only have her do this so she will feel independent. Then she tells her neighbors in a bragging way that she pays her own way.

I'm sure she gives her strange friends expensive gifts. I'm worried now for fear she will give away her property. Is there any legal way we can prevent her doing it? Her friends are women so

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they can't get her property by marriage.

I have a sister and the two of us have children—so we feel that mother's property should be ours when she is through with it. I will greatly appreciate your advice.

M. W.—Fla.

Answer:

I think your mother is just having a little fling because she missed so much during the time she was nursing your father. As you say there is nothing wrong with her mind, there is really nothing you can do to keep her from enjoying herself.

Everyone is entitled to judge for themselves, after they are grown whether they should go to the theatre or on a picnic or not. And if she has the money to pay her way, she is certainly entitled to do as she pleases.

Of course, I am not able to judge, whether these "strange"

friends are just interesting people she has recently met or gold-diggers, who are out after her property.

Naturally, I think she should leave her property to her children because if she were poor, her children would be the ones she had to depend on and not fair-weather friends.

My advice to you and your sister, if you want to keep the property in the family, is to stop criticizing the old lady and make home and family more interesting for her. Perhaps if you would take her for a ride or to the movies occasionally, she would not be so eager to go with strangers.

But I certainly do not think she should expect you to do her laundry if she is able to hire someone to do it for her.

Good Luck,

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## OLDSMOBILE OFFERS NEW 1950 FEATURES



The new 1950 Futuramic Oldsmobile just announced by General Motors is available in either the Series 76 or Series 88 — the latter powered by the 135 h.p. high compression Rocket engine teamed with the newly-developed Whirlaway Hydra-Matic Drive. Standard Hydra-Matic Drive is an option at extra cost on Series 76 models. The 1950 Oldsmobile also features smartened exterior appearance, new interior trim design, new colors and sturdier construction — shown here is the Series 76 deluxe four-door Sedan.

## New Oldsmobile For 1950

OSHAWA. — A new restyled Futuramic Oldsmobile for 1950, available in two series, and featuring smartened exterior appearance, new interior tailoring and trim design, new colors and sturdier construction has been announced by General Motors.

The famed "Rocket" high-compression engine, introduced last year again powers the Series 88 Oldsmobile. This model is automatically supplied with the new Oldsmobile Whirlaway Hydra-Matic Drive developed especially to team with the "Rocket" engine.

The standard Hydra-Matic Drive — nearly 1,000,000 have proved their reliability in billions of miles over the past 10 years — is available as an option at extra cost on the Series 76. This series, powered by a six-cylinder engine with 105 h.p., offers a choice of standard or deluxe four-door sedan, two-door club sedan and a standard club coupe.

The Series 88, powered by 135 h.p. valve-in-head Rocket engine with a compression ratio of 7.5 to 1, is available in de luxe four-door sedan and deluxe two-door club sedan. Both Series 76 and 88 are mounted on 119½-inch wheel-base.

Oldsmobile for 1950 retains the same frontal look with its low, broad, road hugging appearance. The strikingly simple grills and the massive "wrap-around" bumper with the "three-in-one" lights are keynotes of Futuramic styling.

Other highlights of exterior styling include a new hood ornament on the Series 76, with a Rocket superimposed to mark the Series 88; new stainless steel rear fender molding on the Series 76 with the word "Futuramic" em-

bossed at its forward end; a new trunk emblem and rear deck handle; new trunk locks, separated from the trunk handle; and new hub caps with drop centre styling.

The Series 88 has new front fender stainless steel moldings carrying back along the fender into the front door. There is a distinctive tall light unit located high up on the fenders where they can be seen readily from both sides as well as the rear. These carry the numerals "88" at the side of the lenses.

Added to the traditionally smart interiors are luxurious trim, hardware and fittings. New simulated carpet rubber floor mats have been fitted in rear compartments.

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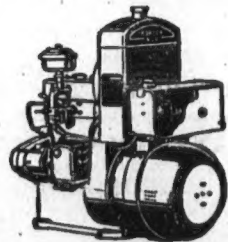
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In broad terms, Eisenhower attributed the outcropping of feuds and controversies among the three services to the high confidence of each in his own force.

"Take a paratrooper with his very, very high morale," Eisenhower said. "A paratrooper really thinks that if you give him two bazookas and a jeep, he'll go anywhere and whip the world."

"Of course, it's a fine spirit. But the fact is that each service gets this almost cocky confidence in its own forces and then the heat of argument starts as all come to realize that there is not enough money for everything."

Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, discussed several phases of the armed services row in a copyright interview published by U.S. News and World Report, weekly news magazine.

**Don't Take A Chance**

In spite of the continued warning, too many accidents still occur as a result of carbon-monoxide poisoning. Warming up cars, trucks or tractors inside a closed building, or opening the door too little to allow sufficient air circulation is asking for trouble. C. A. Cheshire, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Alberta Department of Agriculture also advises a periodic check of exhaust pipe and mufflers.

From leaks in the exhaust pipe or muffler, gases may escape into the cab of the truck or body of the car with drastic results. This condition is most dangerous when the vehicle is standing still with the engine running.

Tractor accidents took an even greater toll of life in 1949 than did carbon-monoxide poisoning. Increased road speed and decreased rolling resistance have a bearing on this. With the modern high speed tractor, many operators rely to a large extent on individual wheel braking to assist in steering. This tends to tip the tractor, warns Mr. Cheshire, and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

Decreased rolling resistance of the modern tractor makes it particularly dangerous to hitch to an implement on an up-hill grade. Apply the brake or use a block. Unless this is done the tractor may roll back and result in a dead or maimed operator. Many tractor accidents could also be prevented by shutting down the engine before refueling.

**Blood Donor Clinics To Start In April**

From January to the middle of April, the Blood Donor Service of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Southern Alberta is maintained by the society's Calgary branch.

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**Plans Reversed**

Plans for a group of Canadian boys to visit England in 1950 have been reversed. British boys will tour Canada instead. The Canadian boys were to have visited England under the sponsorship of millionaire biscuit manufacturer W. Garfield.

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**Radar Directs Path Of Ships**

VANCOUVER. — New double-antenna radar gear in Vancouver Harbor "talked" an estimated 53,000 ships in and out of the harbor during 1949, according to W. J. Mooney, chief signalman of the radar unit.

Installed by a team of natural scientists from the Canadian National Research Council, the radar gear is at First Narrows Signal Station, high up in the centre of Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge.

No special equipment is needed by a ship in order to utilize radar, Mr. Mooney said. Any fogbound vessel need only contract the First Narrows Signal Station by radio-telephone on the marine band, 1,630 kilocycles, and radar control will be afforded her, according to Mr. Mooney.

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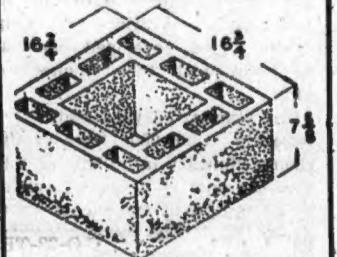
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## West Coast Hockey Split Is Rumored

No one in authority is talking yet, but split of the Pacific Coast Hockey League into two separate circuits seems likely.

The PCHL currently operates in two divisions—northern and southern—with each team making one road swing per the southern division and outfits in Washington, Oregon and year through the opposite sector. California teams make up British Columbia the northern half.

Such a split into separate leagues has been rumored for several years, largely because of economy reasons. Nothing official ever has been done, however.

## MORE PERSUASIVE

But this season, the argument for separate circuits becomes all the more persuasive. One southern team—Oakland—already has suspended operations because of declining attendance. Two more—Los Angeles and San Francisco—reportedly are not doing at all well financially.

Only San Diego and Fresno, so the reports go, are breaking even at the gate. On the other hand, all the northern teams reportedly are doing quite well. The northern division race has been a good one this year and attendance has held up all along the line.

Biggest argument against the two divisions remaining together is the costly road trips. The inter-divisional jaunts are all outlay—no income—and constitute quite a drain on the exchequer.

In the northern division particularly there is much more rivalry between, say New West-

minster-Vancouver or Seattle-Tacoma, then is engendered when a southern division team comes to town. Naturally, it works the same way down south.

The northern division could form into a tight little league with Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. Spokane also is interested in Pacific Coast League hockey, if and when a new rink is built.

The southern division might not be quite as strong, but Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento and San Bernardino all are possibilities. There also is a currently non-operative franchise in Hollywood.

Should the league split, an interesting post-season playoff then might be arranged between the two winners. Divisional titlists now do meet in such a playoff and it is the best feature of the divisional arrangement.

If any action on dividing the league is taken, it undoubtedly will come during the spring meeting. Best guess right now is a split.

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the \$3,000.00 voted by the ratepayers still to be paid over to the hall committee. Adequate fire insurance had been placed on the building and the premiums paid out of village funds, although it was hoped that the hall would eventually be self liquidating. Nominations for a councillor to

take the place of Mr. W. W. Stafford whose term has expired, will be received by the village secretary-treasurer until noon on Monday, February 20, and although it is not expected there will be any great rush of candidates an election will be held on Monday, February 27th, if same is needed.

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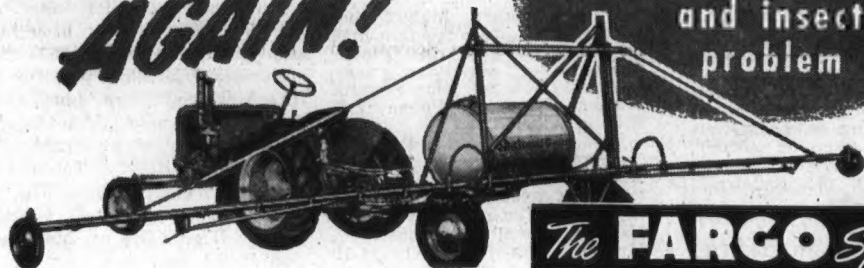
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